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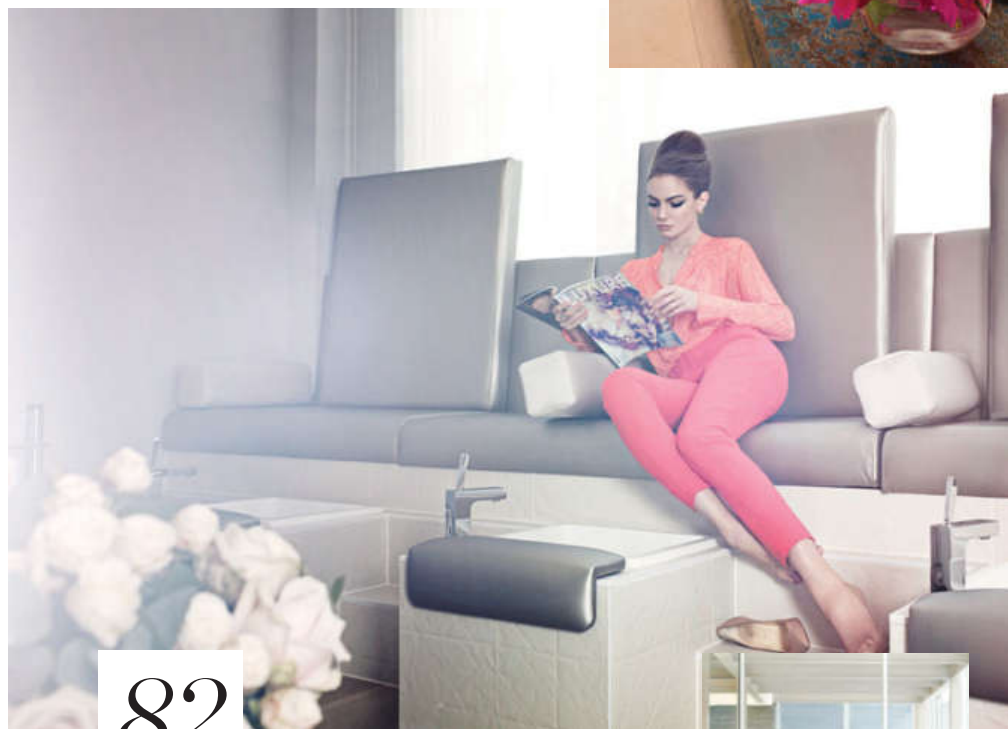
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From the Editor Little Luxuries

As the temperature begins to cool, the city comes back to life after the summer break and diaries start to fill up again. We dedicate this issue to the luxuries in life – whether it is a new purchase for you or your home (thanks to the new-season collections now in store), or time dedicated to a hobby, family or just yourself. Our feature on the best buys, for all styles, gives you the lowdown on luxury from the home to the beauty bag and wardrobe (P63).

In our Hip Hotels feature this month, we explore two places that give guests the luxury of some 'me time'. Six Senses Zighy Bay in Oman offers up villas with private pools and a stunning coastline and, overseas, Su Gologone in Sardinia is a tranquil haven of relaxation and beauty within the surrounding mountain countryside (P72).

Our real homes for September are photographer Claire Barlow's bright and airy family home in Umm Suqeim, Dubai (P30) and Kelly Lundberg's cool pad on the Palm Jumeirah (P36). Internationally we take a look around a beautiful former farmhouse in Ibiza, which has been transformed into an understated luxurious holiday home (P50). Plus in Malaga, Spain, Gunilla Nordquist and her husband chat about creating their perfect home from their first house (P46).

As always, we give you the round-up of the best new buys and trends (P20) and also take a look at kids' rooms – from top tips on decoration and safety from Just Kidding (P78), to stylish buys that'll last (P60).

Enjoy!

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Banish limp, lifeless hair with Colab's latest selection of city-themed dry shampoos, Dhs29, including this floral scented Paris spray. The oil-absorbing powders zap grease and perspiration leaving hair looking bouncy and clean.

www.colab-hair.com



LUXE LIGHT

Give your home some serious style with Lladro's collection of lavish lighting. From table lamps to pendants, like this colourful chandelier, their ranges are all beautifully handcrafted and will last a lifetime.

www.lladro.com



Pretty Florals

Give your living room a fresh look for autumn with Zara Home's latest launches. This printed floral cushion, Dhs155, will evoke memories of a meadow and looks great on a plain sofa.

www.zarahome.com



ALL IN ONE

Kenwood has just launched its new MultiOne food processor and mixer appliance, which can slice, chop, grate, mix and whisk, making it the ideal kitchen companion.

www.kenwood.com



TWO FOR ONE

Bebe's latest collection includes some pretty dresses including this embroidered two-piece, Dhs825. Available now from the new-look Dubai Mall store.

www.bebe.com



EID ESCAPES

With Eid Al Adha falling this month, we take a look at some of the best locations and deals from nearby hotels to far flung destinations.



AMARI VOGUE RESORT, KRABI, THAILAND

Escape to a tropical paradise in this beautiful resort, which is situated on the shores of Tub Kaek Beach beside the Andaman sea. Their summer promotion includes a deluxe room, breakfast and discounts for a minimum of three nights.

www.amari.com/vogue

OZO COLOMBO, SRI LANKA



Under 5 hours from Dubai, this family friendly hotel offers the perfect location to explore the city. Check out their Glimpse of Colombo Package.

www.ozohotels.com



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Enjoy Muscat from these well-appointed apartments, which include access to the stunning Premedion Club.

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www.millenniumhotels.com

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN



Explore the picturesque sights of Baku, Azerbaijan, which is fast becoming a go-to destination. Look out for deals to the city, which is only two and a half hours from Dubai, for a short break this Eid.

www.atlantisholidays.com



Purple Haze

Bag a new bag this season from Bally's latest collection of must-have styles and colours.

We love this Binney clutch, Dhs1,390, perfect for a sophisticated evening look.

www.bally.com



QUIRKY TEA

Bubbleology, the best-selling brand of bubble tea in London, has recently launched a new, flagship store in BoxPark on Al Wasl Road in Dubai. With over 20 different teas to choose from, the quirky concept launched in the UAE less than a year ago and hails from a traditional Taiwanese beverage containing tapioca-based pearls.

www.bubbleology.ae



PERFECT POUT

Update your makeup bag with the latest in Matte Lipsticks from Smashbox, Dhs125. Available in eight fun and funky shades such as Paris Pink Matte and Punch Drunk Matte, they are bursting with vitamins and antioxidants to nourish and protect lips as well as making them look fabulous.

www.smashbox.com



Fine Dining

Bring some colour to the table with these bright bowls, Dhs90 each, from Flamant's latest collection.

www.flamant.com



Statement Style

Vince Camuto's latest range of transitional pieces includes this pretty Belle of the Bazaar necklace, Dhs450, perfect for adding some interest to a plain t-shirt or dress.

www.vincecamuto.com



FRENCH FLAIR

Chic French fashion brand Sandro is now available in the UAE thanks to the opening of four stores in The Dubai Mall, Yas Mall, Dubai Festival City and Dubai Marina Mall. The range includes timeless pieces such as printed shirts, stylish shoes and this luxe leather skirt.

www.sandro.com

THIS JUST IN...



GREAT GIFTS

Along with Ikea's latest catalogue launch, the company has also introduced a new collection, HEMSMÅK, to the UAE. The range consists of simple storage bottles, jars and containers in coloured glass and metallics, as well as a stationery range, which includes these cute assorted selection of tags.

www.ikea.com/ae



Time for Tea

Luxury tea brand, Avantcha, has recently launched its official website, which showcases its extensive hand-selected blends of tea. The home-grown brand, set up in 2014 and available in Dubai outlets Tom and Serg and Jones the Grocer, offers customers a portfolio of teas, accessories and gift ideas, now available to see and buy from the site.

www.avantcha.com



NEW SEASON

H&M has just launched its new collection of homewares for the new season. With a range of on-trend cushions, bedlinen, bathroom additions and accessories, there will be something to suit all homes at affordable price points.

www.hm.com/ae

Iconic Designs

Classic contemporary Danish designs are now available in the UAE due to Verpan's partnership with En Vogue, making them the exclusive distributor of designs such as the Globe, Moon lamps and Onion pendant light (pictured).
www.envogue.ae



WARM WELCOME

Bring some on-trend metallics to your bathroom with Grohe's latest tap, Warm Sunset, new to the Grandera collection of finishes including taps and shower heads.
www.grohe.com

COOL COPPER

Leading department store, House of Fraser, has recently expanded its presence to the Middle East with the opening of its store in Yas Mall, Abu Dhabi. House of Fraser offers a range of homeware brands from Biba to designers such as Matthew Williamson Home. We love this copper collection of accessories from C Couture, from Dhs55.
www.houseoffraser.co.uk



COMFORT AND STYLE

Create a contemporary living room with Divano, the latest range of sofas from Italian brand Calligaris. Available in an extensive range of fabrics including leather, the modular design will provide comfort and style to any home.
www.calligaris.com



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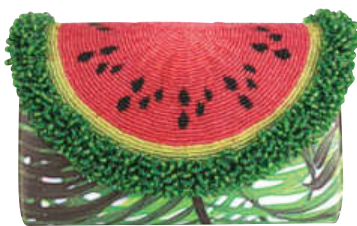
A favourite of industry pros and celebrities alike, Stockholm-based beauty brand Sachajuan is available in the region from Harvey Nichols and Bloomingdale's. Their range, which includes hair care and this beautiful body collection of washes and lotions, from Dhs130, which contain active ingredients to keep skin soft and supple.
www.sachajuan.com



MICRO TREND

Tutti Frutti Have fun with fruit with these juicy buys...

Jene bookends, Dhs199, THE One.



Sarah's bag watermelon clutch, Dhs2,000, Boom&Mellow



Banana print Woouf cushion, Dhs388, Cities

Tutti Fruit lip parafit creamy colourbalm, Dhs117, Laura Mercier





SWEET TREAT

Spoil colleagues and friends with SugarMoo's latest collection of treats, The Sweet Bundles. The four packages include this Jar-a-licious assortment of Banoffee, Strawberry Trifle, Blueberry Lemon and Chia Seed Pudding, Dhs195. www.sugarmoo.com



TROPICAL STYLE

Head to THE One for the latest in homewares from bigger items such as beds and dining tables to smaller accessories such as candles and this Eshal cushion cover, which features an on-trend tropical print. www.theone.com



CONTEMPORARY COLLECTION

Bonaldo, the luxurious Italian brand that specialises in producing furniture through innovative ideas and cutting-edge machine processes, is the latest addition to Western Furniture's portfolio of homewares. The collection includes chairs, beds, sofas and armchairs, accessories and tables such as this Greeny design from Gino Carollo. www.westernfurniture.ae

THIS JUST IN...

Rainbow Plates



Designers Home, Dubai, has recently introduced a new collection of tableware that consists of frosted, matte and coloured designs, like these Legle plates, Dhs3,000 for 12. Perfect for stylish mealtimes.



ON THE ROAD

For A/W15, fashion brand Bedouin has taken inspiration from the Nevada Desert with pieces such as the Rodeo fringe trousers, lose fit Starry Eyed t-shirt and this glam Horizon silk dress with fringed skirt and berry coloured top, Dhs1,595, available at Harvey Nichols. www.harveynichols.com

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First Look

Luxury French interiors brand, BLANC D'IVOIRE has just opened its doors in Dubai. We took an exclusive look around the showroom and spoke to owner, Carol Sukkar.

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Founded in Paris in 1994 by Monic Fischer, BLANC D'IVOIRE is an established furniture brand that represents a French lifestyle with collections inspired by charming antique pieces rethought for a modern lifestyle. The brand is comprised of refined patinas, unique fabrics and soothing scents that create an exclusive concept of decorative charm.

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WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE BUYS FROM THE NEW STORE?

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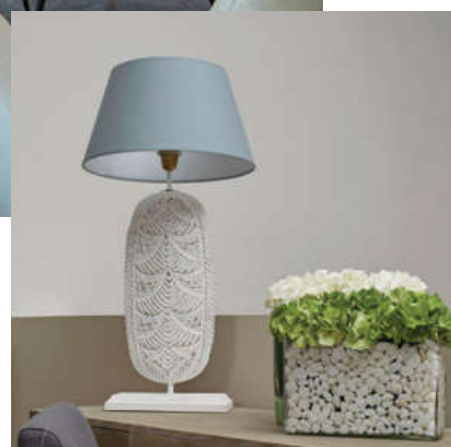
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If you use your dining room as more of a family space, BLANC D'IVOIRE is perfect for you. Bring things like decorative lighting, place mats, wine glasses, dinner sets, serve ware, cutlery and comfortable seating to make your dining a luxurious place.



LIVING ROOM

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BEDROOMS

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Regal Look

Designers Guild's latest collection features beautiful blooms in painterly prints and hues. Available in wallpapers and fabrics, the Royal collection will bring a regal look to any room.

www.designersguild.com
www.maisondart.ae



Cool Calligraphy

Silsal Design House has introduced elegant and stylish Arabic calligraphy Ottomans to their new collection, Dhs845. The range is a blend of traditional and modern styles and will add some pattern and interest to a neutral-schemed living room.

www.silsal.com



BRIGHT DELIGHT

Add a splash of colour to the kid's room (see more ideas and tips on P60) with Kansai Paint's collection of bright options. Try adding a rainbow wall to a playroom or bedroom, for something totally different and fun.

www.kansaipaint.ae



SPACE AGE AIR

NASA has developed a new filter-less, air purification technology called Airoid, Dhs2,949. It cleans up almost 100% of indoor air of pathogens, allergy triggers and harmful gases. This sleek design is not only FDA approved but the modern machine will fit in to any contemporary home. Available now across the region.

www.airoid.com

DECO UPDATE

PLANNING ON MAKING SOME CHANGES TO YOUR HOME? THEN READ ON FOR OUR SELECTION OF THE LATEST DECORATION NEWS AND BUYS...



MAKE YOUR OWN

Sanderson's Milla fabric will transform in to cute, colourful cushions. Perfect for adding pattern to a neutral sofa. Available now from Walker Greenbank.

www.walkergreenbank.com



FLOOR SHOW

Add some luxury to your home with Burgundy's latest collection of bold prints, vibrant colours and elegant furniture. This Suzani rug, Dhs28,000 is on-trend with its blue and white colour combination and Indian print.

www.burgundy-designs.com



CHIC AND SHEER

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THE DETAILS

1. Zebra mirrored dish, Dhs175, C. Wonder 2. Elephant decor, Dhs245, Al Huzaifa 3. Nouveaux Mondes collection, POA, Christian-Lacroix.com 4. Brown animal print scarf, Dhs195, Vince Camuto 5. Leopard print cushion, Dhs49, H&M Home 6. Harlequin Amazilia cushion, from Dhs216, Walker Greenbank 7. Jaodoor skirt, Dhs900, ZenaPresley.com 8. Zebra print wool scarf from Halcyon Days, Dhs1,145, Jashanmal 9. Mister Tiger dessert plate, Dhs152, Christian-Lacroix.com 10. Cotton printed Zebra napkin in saffron, Dhs150, C.Wonder 11. Boho tree wall decor, Dhs179, Home Centre 12. African Paradise body conditioner, Dhs200, Lush 13. Rachel skirt, Dhs900, ZenaPresley.com 14. African Mother and Child ornament Dhs49, Homes R Us 15. Dazzle shirt, Dhs195, Kingsley Heath 16. Python tote bag, Dhs420, Vince Camuto 17. Cream and rose Zebra bangle from Halcyon Days, Dhs995, Jashanmal 18. Tiger cup and saucer, Dhs39, THE One 19. Charlotte Olympia Tiger Tiger pumps, Dhs1,428, TheOutnet.com.





Picture Perfect

Claire and Charlie's family home in Umm Sugeim, is full of light and character.

Words: ROSALIND ERSKINE

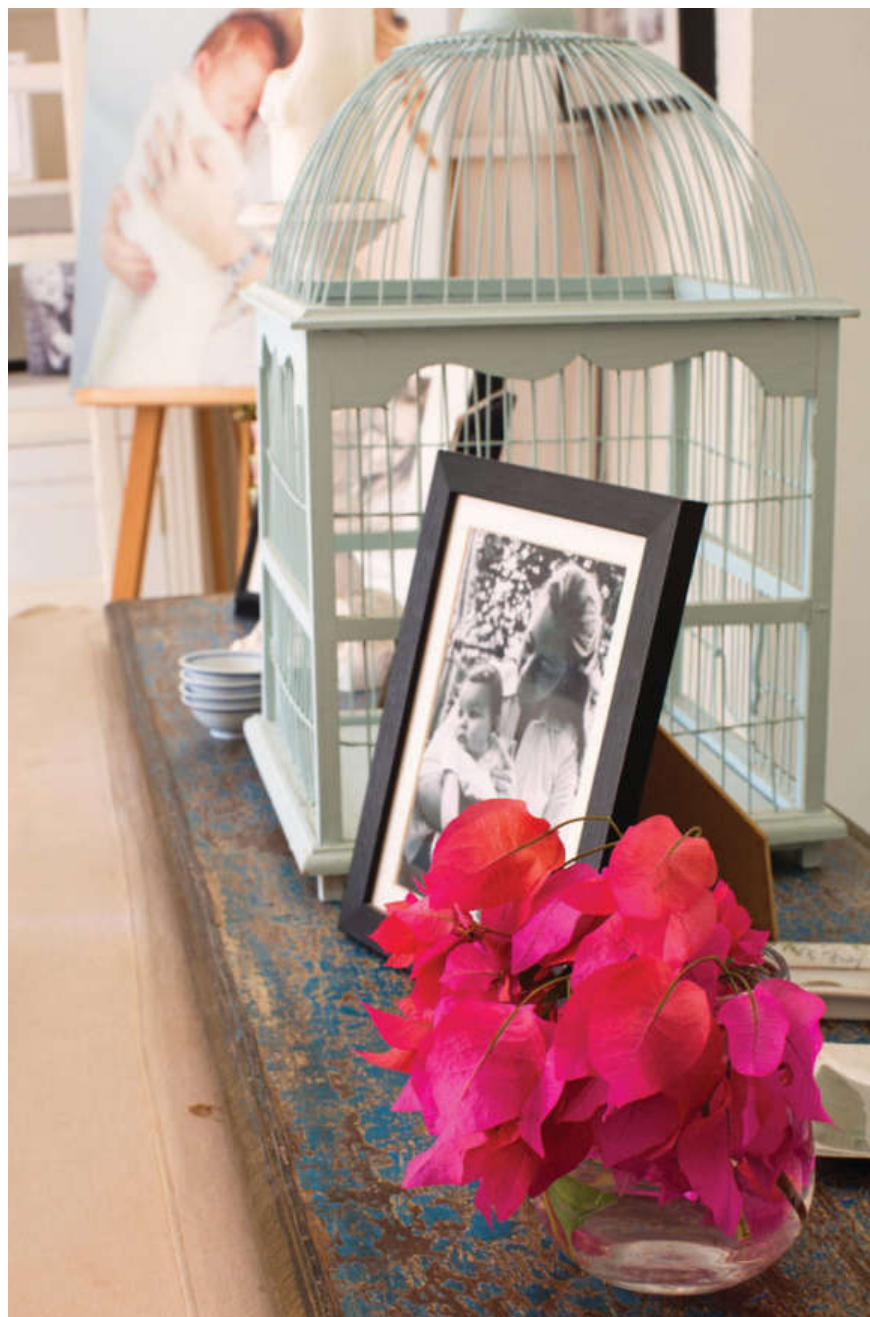
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“We were lucky to find a house with a bit of character, which can be rare in Dubai,” says photographer Claire Barlow of her three-bed family home in Dubai’s Umm Sugeim community. “A bit of architectural love has gone into the layout and details of the house (the plum-coloured bathrooms not so much!) We were seduced by the subtle cottage style, which I was told was meant to evoke a Spanish hacienda, so it felt like home right from the start. We love all the light that comes in and the small but established garden with plenty of gorgeous bougainvillea, plus the pool and an old water tower that flanks the pool. We also love that it’s part of a compound. We have great neighbours with lots of children, which is good fun for our own children.”

After finding this, her ideal home, in 2009, Claire set about adding her personal style to the interior. With what was originally four bedrooms, there was room to grow and with the birth of three children since moving in, Claire and Charlie have created a playroom in the

fourth bedroom, which has a bright and colourful theme that includes Chinese parasols on the wall – a reflection of Claire’s quirky style.

“I like things to feel calm in my home, but hopefully not too grown up. I really like India Hicks’ style; the light airy feel of her home but also the creative approach she has. I love the French brand Flamant (www.flamant.com), and there is also a bit of Asian flair in our villa, as we adored our time in Hong Kong. Our home also feels a bit like a little cottage and that, coupled with being far from home, has made me a more of a patriot in our kitchen.” She continues: “I think I probably have some ideas that people might consider to be quite random (my husband included!) My numbered cakes tins from the UK that are now hung on my kitchen wall and the Chinese parasols, which had their handles taken off, and are now fixed on the wall of our playroom are probably a case in point. I didn’t see those ideas anywhere else (although I’m sure other people have done similar things) – I just did it. But I do love going on designers’ websites. Beyond Pinterest, my favourite magazines, blogs and websites are LivingEtc magazine, www.caitlinwilson.com.



com, she is an American interior designer who I encountered in Dubai and have continued to follow, www.anthropologie.eu – I wish they'd come to Dubai! The Australians do interiors and entertaining very well, so for years I've been slightly addicted to reading about the homes and interviews on www.thedesignfiles.net – all quite inspiring stuff."

It is these inspirations, the villa's natural light and Claire's creative background as an interiors writer and stylist that have led to such a bright, personalised home, and which have brought Claire back to a former passion: photography. "When I had our first child Rafferty, I decided to move back to photography, something I've loved since I was 14. I now have a portrait photography business (www.clairebarlowphotography.com) and concentrate on taking natural and hopefully light-hearted portraits of families, newborns and anyone who would like me to photograph them! As I'm working from home I like the space to be full of natural light. It's important to make the most of all the light we have, and the right furniture

and fabrics help do this," Claire explains.

Claire's home office is her favourite room in the house. "It has big windows overlooking the pool and it feels very peaceful, which is valuable when you have three children of 5 and under! I think Virginia Woolf talked of 'a room of one's own' and how everyone needs one – and this is mine, for now! I'm only just holding onto it by my fingernails as my husband would love to take the desk for himself and as the children grow older, we might need to make space for homework, but while I can, I've claimed it for myself" she laughs.

When it comes to styling tips, it is no surprise that lighting has played a big part, as each room in this home is very bright and airy. "I like thinking about the light and making the most of it – in Dubai the light is bright so interiors can take lots of white and cooler colours, whereas in the UK I think the light is quite blue in a way, and therefore I'd personally go for slightly warmer colours and woods to make things seem cosier," explains Claire. This cosy, cottage style



Far left: a vintage birdcage sits side by side with Claire's photography; the master bedroom is white with splashes of colour in the accessories; Claire's Chinese parasols are a feature on a plain wall; photography and cookery feature throughout the home.



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can be seen in the family kitchen, which has a British influence and includes pieces such as Emma Bridgewater crockery and cake tins, Laura Ashley prints and Jamie Oliver homeware.

Finally, are there any changes that Claire and Charlie would make to their home? “We are currently working with a carpenter to make a seating area for outside – we want to make the most of the space. We have also recently had a brilliant children’s playhouse made for the garden, which has been used for parties and general afternoon playdates. I am keen to do a makeover of the children’s bedrooms, which has started with me buying a lot of bedlinen from Pottery Barn Kids!” |||||

www.clairebarlowphotography.com



Get the look

Vintage finds, shabby chic furniture and global style help add character to Claire's home.



THE COLOUR
Blue

Clark + Kensington
Sea Life 33C-5"

THE TEXTURE
Carpet

THE DETAILS

1. Cadogan sofa, Dhs22,770, Andrew Martin 2. Robin birdcage, Dhs411, Idecorateshop.com 3. Ingatorp extendable table, Dhs1,495, Ikea 4. Odette's Teal Arabic coffee cup, Dhs40 each, Silsal Design House 5. Basilisa accent table, Dhs3,336, Cities 6. Wake display cabinet, Dhs4,495, THE One Funkyard 7. Agen chair, Dhs95, Ikea 8. Stone finish pillar candlestick, Dhs890, Artisanti.com 9. Teal pillar candle, Dhs69, Indigo Living 10. Teal pleated cushion cover, Dhs480, and 11. Mind sideboard, Dhs9,360, both Ethan Allen 12. 'Bondi Beach' by Louisa Seton, from Dhs370, Lumitrix 13. Dial wall clock, Dhs499, THE One.

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Natural Flair

Decorating her home came easily to fashionista Kelly Lundenberg, who dressed her new-build apartment with luxurious materials and plenty of personality.

Words: LAURIE DAVIDSON Photography: RAJESH RAGHAV



Clockwise from left: The open-plan space oozes contemporary charm: Kelly fully admits that although she likes to bake, it's Steve who loves cooking most: artfully arranged stems create a colourful display.



Working as a celebrity fashion stylist stood Kelly Lundberg in good stead when it came to decorating her home and she was understandably passionate about creating an interior that reflected her own personality and style. Kelly's keen eye immediately saw the potential in the spacious two-bedroom apartment she shares with husband Steve on the Palm Jumeirah, and the colour, simple style and attention to detail that she has given to each room has produced an end result she is justifiably proud of.

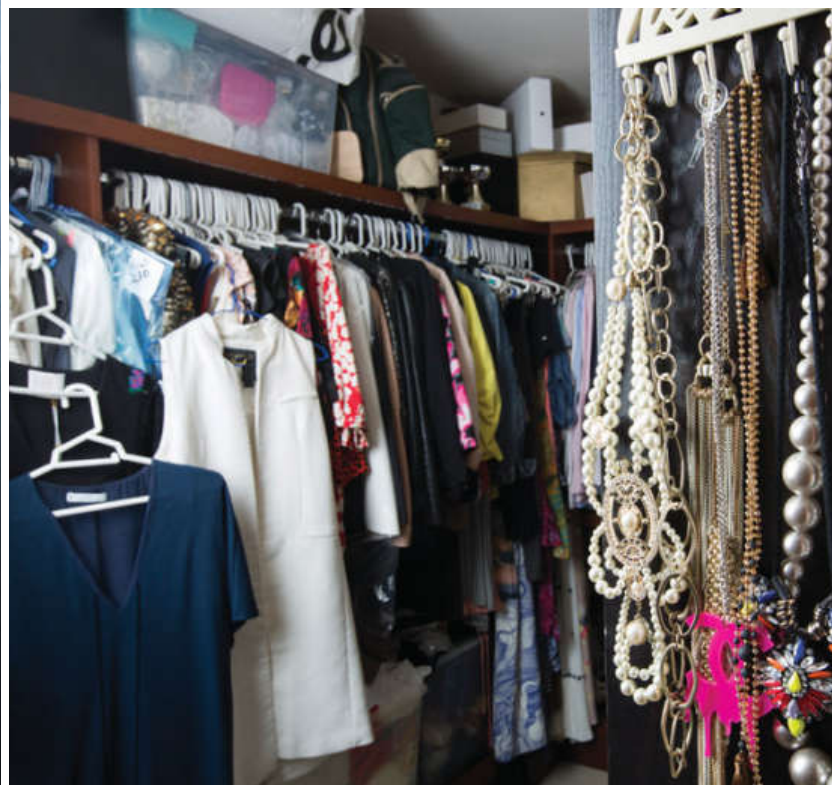
"We were one of the first residents to arrive here back in the summer of 2009," says Kelly, "and it was extremely exciting to have a new build that we could style from scratch. Of course, it was the large walk-in wardrobe in the master bedroom that first caught my eye! That, and the fact that the apartment layout maximises space without compromising on storage, which is often the biggest challenge when it comes to apartment living."

Set on the Golden Mile, in an enviable location, the property itself is filled with natural light and benefits from views of the garden and, on a good day, the sea. The apartment has been given a sleek, sophisticated look, with modern fittings and luxurious materials. A large open-plan kitchen leads on to an airy living-dining space, with two luxurious bedrooms located either side. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the living area open out on to an adjoining balcony, which can also be accessed from the master bedroom. "When the weather is cooler, we like to relax on the balcony and will quite often sit out there together and share a cheeseboard," explains Kelly.

The overall impression is of space – and lots of it. Separating the kitchen and living area, a large dark charcoal-coloured dining table is testament to that. "I always wanted a less conventional table that was not only decorative but functional, too," says Kelly, "and this design, with its bench element, offers relaxed seating, whether it's just the two of us or a larger group."

As a new build, the apartment's spacious layout meant that no building works were needed, however Kelly commissioned her father-in-law to fit the maid's room with shelves and extra wardrobe space. "It serves as a great overflow – and that all-important stylist's





Above: The large walk-in wardrobe first caught Kelly's eye. Below and right: The striking guest bedroom doubles up as a home office.

wardrobe!" she laughs. The large walk-in wardrobes aren't the only fashion-related features in the apartment - from treasured coffee table books to an eye-catching Dior print by illustrator Megan Hess, there are nods to Kelly's passion scattered throughout. Despite that, the interior retains a sophisticated ambience without being overtly girly. "I've always found there is a fine line drawn when styling and decorating to ensure that I don't make it look too feminine, hence the reason I chose a dark sofa," muses Kelly. "I love working with grey - I find it's a great neutral base that works well with all other colour palettes."

The monochrome palette flows throughout, with dark striking shades of black and slate-grey creating a contrast against fresh white and soft dove-grey shades. "Steve is always open to my ideas, despite the fact that when we first had the living room painted he commented that it looked as though we were on the Titanic! I think he likes it now, though."

In the master bedroom, a soft blue-green hue makes an appearance. "It's fair to say that turquoise is probably my second favourite colour," Kelly admits. Further on, in the guest bedroom, a bold monochrome-print wallpaper and bed linen by Kylie Minogue take centre stage. This room doubles up as a home office for Steve, while Kelly opts to use the living room when she's working from home. "The nature of my job is very flexible. I recently traded up my MacBook Pro computer for a MacBook Air, which now comes everywhere with me. Sometimes I will stop by at the Fairmont The Palm and work from there or catch up with clients in the shopping malls."

More than anything, it's the personal touches that really give this apartment its homely feel. In the guest bedroom, a poignant finishing touch comes courtesy of a purple tartan cushion, made by Kelly - "When my granny passed away, I created three cushions using the material from her pinafore, together with raw silk. I gave one to my mum, another to my sister and kept one for myself. I frequently





THE DETAILS SMALL STYLING TRICKS



A silver mannequin adds a glitzy touch



Fun, fashionable cushions brighten the sofa



A gift from a friend, this turquoise lamp makes a statement in the bedroom



A tailor's dummy is a stylist's essential



A cute moneybox adds a whimsical element



The spacious interior offers plenty of storage for Kelly's wardrobe and accessories: the couple often share a tasty cheeseboard out on the balcony: turquoise in the master bedroom breaks from the monochrome theme.



change the cushions on the sofa, beds and out on the balcony, and my latest purchase for the sofa is one that has been designed by Susan Brooker, a Dubai-based artist."

You only need to glance around Kelly's home to see how important pictures are to her, with photographs in every room. "It's not only great feng shui, but a constant reminder of happy times with family and friends. The finishing touches and small details make all the difference, whether it's coasters, interesting desk frames, or a small but exquisite crystal vase filled with fresh flowers – they all add style," she says.

Indeed, it is the small tweaks that keep this apartment's interior evolving, with artworks swapped around and lampshades changed every now and again. "Those hanging in our living room were bought at Dragon Mart, and not only were they great value they give an amazing lighting effect."

The transformation has been a rolling affair, but with each carefully considered decision and a polished finished result, it's clear that Kelly's love of style has paved the way for an interior that is equally as fashionable as its owner. ||||



Get the look

A monochrome colour palette gives sophisticated style to Kelly's home.



THE COLOUR
Black

Clark + Kensington
N-C16th Midnight Stroll

THE TEXTURE
Wallpaper

THE DETAILS

1. Fancy wool lantern, Dhs505, Cities 2. Regency marble sideboard, POA, Aati 3. Young & Battaglia Concrete damask wallpaper, Dhs563, In-spaces.com 4. Round Cocotte steamer, Dhs1,095, Tavola 5. Black stool, Dhs4,000, Burgundy Designs 6. Champagne candlestick, Dhs360, Ethan Allen 7. Brie De Meaux cheese baker, Dhs54, Marks and Spencer 8. Boho black dress scarf holder, Dhs89, THE ONE 9. Hers burlap cushion, Dhs590, Ethan Allen 10. Poivre Noir cushion, Dhs79, H&M Home 11. Black and white cushion cover, Dhs19, Homes R Us 12. Coloured flute glasses, Dhs43,950, Asprey 13. Gaser rug, Dhs525, Ikea.

An *Unexpected* SURPRISE

Gunilla and her husband Sven were not expecting to create their perfect home in their first home in Spain, but thanks to good research and Gunilla's creative eye, they found more than they bargained for.

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The family dogs, Nelson and Mandela enjoy the sheepskin rugs and cowhide from IKEA that add a fun and Swedish touch to the glamorous dining area.

“My favourite shop is Svenskt Tenn in Stockholm. It’s known for its beautiful Pewter ware and textile designs from Josef Frank; it’s an absolute designer Mecca in Sweden!”



When Gunilla’s husband Sven first showed her the house, she hadn’t even seen it all before she made her decision. “I went straight through to the terrace outside and looked out at the view and said to my husband Sven, “Well, it’s okay!” It wasn’t my dream home but I could see it’s potential and I immediately fell in love with the light and its open plan design.” Having spent most of her childhood in North Sweden where light plays an integral part of family life, Gunilla’s need for light was essential “it’s the driving force behind all my interior design projects” she explains. She agreed to buy it on the condition that she could make some major structural changes. Sven accepted, only too grateful to have his beloved new wife move to Spain. It took a year and a half in planning and a year and a half in the building. The result was far more than they ever dreamt possible.

The house, which was built on two levels into a hill, was not in an appalling state as it was tired and old. “The kitchen was desperately dated but I am pleased that I didn’t spend extra money on a kitchen to someone else’s tastes” Gunilla says. When they first moved in they lived downstairs



Left: Gunilla and her husband Sven in the library room that has striking artwork by Lars Persson Gavle. The "Ingrid" easy chairs by Bruno Mattson make a strong statement against the busy backdrop. This image: wooden accessories and sheepskin throw feature throughout the home and add a Scandi feel to the design.







and began with making small amendments. They white-washed the bare brickwork and fixed shelves and hooks. For the next eighteen months they planned, designed and sourced whilst waiting for the building plans to be approved. Their ever growing family meant that Gunilla needed to design a home that would give guests a space of their own. The terrace would need to be extended all the way around the house as the pleasant climate would keep them outside for long periods of the year. After living in the house for a few months, Gunilla began suffering with a hip problems caused by the uneven steps on the stairwell. "I realised that we would have to replace

these so I designed a staircase which would save space upstairs. We could now have room for a dining area."

They began with installing a shower room and toilet and building two guests rooms, all downstairs. They made the last room downstairs into a reading room with made-to-measure shelves and a large fireplace for the cooler winter months. They chose two Bruno Mathsson mountain silver birch easy chairs with foot stools and matching coffee table to furnish to room "It was an indulgence but it was nice to buy something from my home land" said Gunilla.

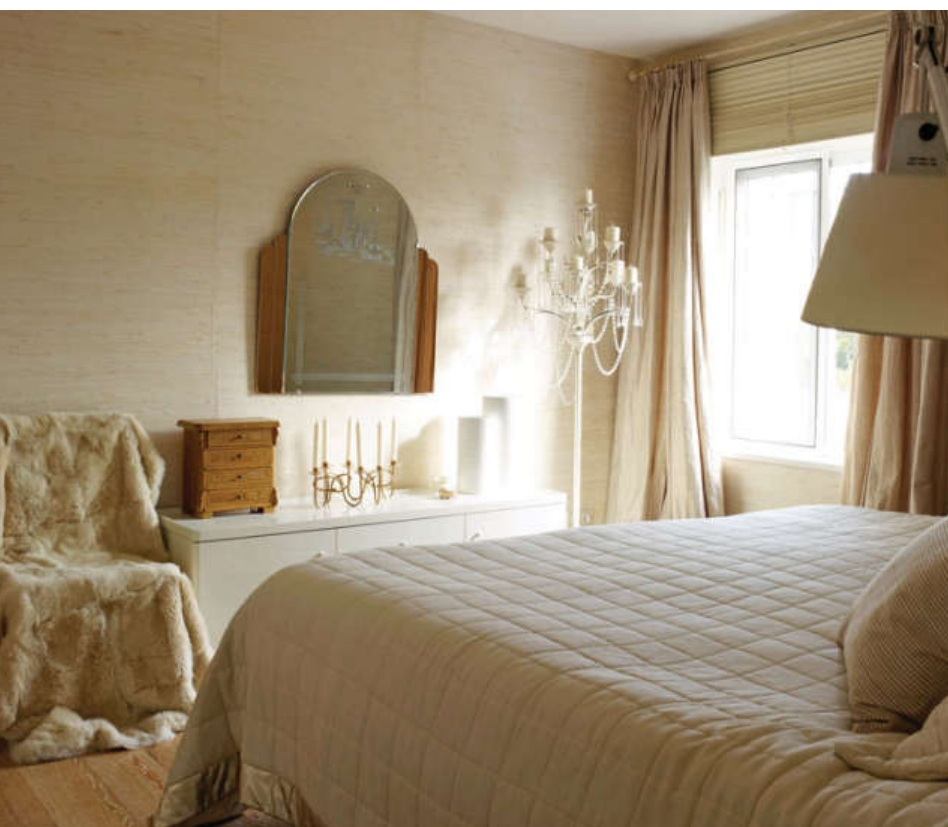
Once the downstairs was complete, they

Above: Gunilla mixes good value kitchen units from IKEA with a beautiful limed oak work top and ceramic brick tiles sourced locally. She finishes it off with Bertoia chrome breakfast stools by Knoll International. Left: The cosy home office and well organised kitchen accessories.



Clockwise: The garden is where Gunilla and Sven spend most of their time during the summer; The dining table from La Maison de L'elephant in Ibiza was damaged in transit. A second table was delivered so as Gunilla now had two table tops, she used the second one in her lounge as a coffee table; in the bedroom the dainty floor light from Guadarte in Sevilla gives off a soft pretty light while the opulent Swiss Taffeta curtains bring decadence.

“I love every single room! We are so full of excitement that this is our home. We are still experimenting with which area is best to eat – as there are so many to choose from!”



headed upstairs. First they enlarged the master bedroom and built a dressing room by narrowing an internal corridor. Next they changed the doors from the second bedroom, which leads to the sitting room, to glass doors and converted it into an office “so that it felt like part of the sitting room” explains Gunilla. They extended the terrace to surround the property and extended the kitchen.

Gunilla used an IKEA kitchen but fitted a 7” oak worktop, good quality handles and a ceramic brick tile which gave it a designer finish. “I love mixing exclusive design with IKEA pieces, I do this in all my design projects and clients are amazed at how inexpensive it is.”

Finally they laid lime oak floors throughout and decorated and furnished. Gunilla’s personality translates into her home. Overall her style is classic and modern but there are rebellious, unexpected pieces, which break convention. Her design style is as much about the practical as it is about the aesthetic. “I need design to work on both levels she says. She hangs curtain poles behind beds and hangs fabric over them to act as a head board and she fixes them to walls at low levels for guests to hang clothes and towels over.

After three years of planning and researching, Gunilla and Sven had their ultimate dream home; the most unexpected surprise of the whole process. ||||



Get the look

A colour palette of warm neutrals and wooden and cosy accessories create a Scandi-style home.



THE DETAILS

1. Faux fur ivory throw, Dhs1,550, Ethan Allen 2. Oak armchair, Dhs723, Muji 3. Classical white two cupboard dresser, Dhs3,827, Sweetpeaandwillow.com 4. Poang armchair in white, Dhs545, Ikea 5. Wood mantle clock, Dhs86, Wilko.com 6. Golden scroll mirror, Dhs285, Zara Home 7. Azelona chandelier, Dhs3,316, Sweetpeaandwillow.com 8. Long candlestick, Dhs405, Flamant 9. Phalaenopsis with curly willow, Dhs1,380, Ethan Allen 10. Victor table lamp, Dhs646, Cranmorehome.com.au 11. Glass paper weight, Dhs235, Flamant 12. Chester vase, Dhs29, Homes R Us.



Above: the outdoor space has been designed for entertaining with an array of seating by the pool; one of the outbuildings. Below: the former bread oven has been transformed into a snug.



LONDON meets IBIZA



London-based Interior Design company TG-Studio was commissioned to transform a former farmhouse into a sophisticated, laid-back holiday home with Balearic influences. And the results are simply stunning.

Word ROSALIND ERSKINE Photography PHILIP VILE



“My inspiration was a modern Ibiza house, relaxed but not too ethnic. Fit for the cosmopolitans of today,” says Thomas Griem, director, interior designer and architect at TG-Studio.

The client, who has worked with TG-Studio on many London developments, asked for this home in Santa Annes, northern Ibiza, to be a mix of a sophisticated London address but with the influences of the location. A former farmhouse that has been extended over the years, the project posed something of a challenge thanks to some neglect and disrepair. “The client knew our attention to detail and ability to create an exciting mood while adding value to a rental property. They bought the house in Ibiza as an investment and wanted to work with us to refresh its interior.

“The project started in the summer of 2013 and it took approximately five months to complete building work and seven months to install the furniture, fabrics and accessories, from start to handover,” explains Thomas. The owners wanted to maintain the original character of the building, which comprises

of one large, open-plan room with high ceilings that make up the living, dining room and kitchen, plus two bedrooms with en suites on the ground floor. There’s also a master bedroom with en suite and dressing room on the first floor and a further two outbuildings, one of which was imported from Bali and all of which are surrounded by over four acres of land. Each of these outbuildings boasts en suites and dressing areas, perfect for extra guests to enjoy.

“We have had considerable experience in the Balearic Islands and were working on two other projects in Ibiza at that time” explains Thomas. “The location and feel of the property is very special, so even though it was a smaller project, I was very keen to help our long-standing clients.” In order to keep within the brief, Thomas chose understated yet high-quality furnishings and finishes that wouldn’t detract from the building but would give the desired, sophisticated feel to the interior. Recycled timber beams and locally sourced floor finishes, such as limestone, go hand-in-hand with the pared-back look and are also eco-friendly additions. The overall colour palette continues this simple look with a matt white scheme and textured wooden accents. Modern updates include a contemporary new fireplace, which hides the TV and sound system, and an up-to-the-minute kitchen was installed to replace the outdated original one. This



Clockwise: Thomas Griem; the stunning, large pool area; sliding doors lead to the outdoor space; a water feature by the pool house; a relaxing terrace.



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space is Thomas's highlight: "My favourite room is the main room, which includes living room/dining/kitchen and nook. It separates all these functions and integrates them to create genuine open-plan living. The room gains dual purpose when the sliding doors are drawn open to reveal the terrace," he says.

Large sliding doors lead on to the stunning outdoor space, which has been designed for entertaining and includes chill-out areas, an Italian pizza oven, fridges, bar area and a pool house. Bespoke furniture, made by local craftsmen, takes pride of place and helps to continue the same interior scheme from the inside.

"I wanted to maintain happy, urban lines throughout," says Thomas. "The main living area has a London-cool-meets-Ibiza feel, with the organic shapes of the Poliform 'Soori' coffee table and B&B Italia 'Husk' chairs in sequence, as well as the raw timber beams and tiled floors. Bedroom two has a Moroccan influence with soothing blues in repeating patterns, while The Studio has a relaxed, organic feel. The Bali house on the grounds was imported from Bali, hence its name; we added furniture to complement the scheme, which includes the Bobbili Stool wooden side tables from Andrew Martin."

It is this selection of furniture, layout and design that makes this otherwise minimalist house a really special space. The simplistic style helps the character quietly stand out, without scrimping on style.

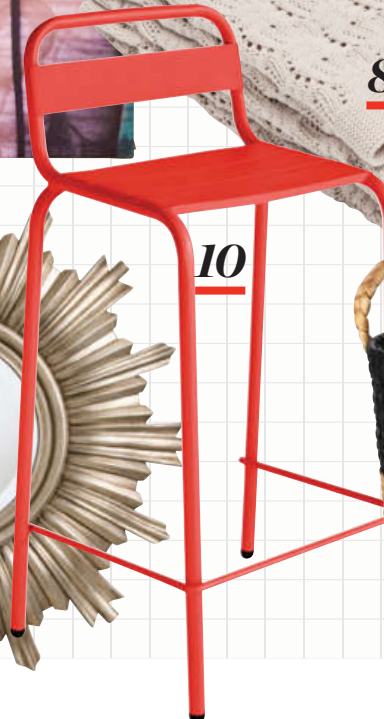
www.tg-studio.co.uk

Above top: the contemporary living room with neutral furnishings and wooden accents; one of the bedrooms; a modern bathroom.



Get the look

Simple, timeless furniture in neutral hues with natural elements create a fresh look in this former farmhouse.



THE DETAILS

1. Sketch cushion, Dhs59, H&M Home 2. Frill cushion, Dhs209, Zara Home 3. Ginkgo lattice cushion, Dhs225, C.Wonder 4. Patterned cushion, Dhs59, H&M Home 5. Malika crochet pendant light, Dhs890, Hamimi.com.au 6. Soderhamn corner sofa, Dhs4,625, Ikea 7. Tree trunk side table, Dhs363, Designbotschaft.com 8. Knitted throw, Dhs209, Zara Home 9. Woven basket, Dhs99, H&M Home 10. Luca red bar stool, Dhs485, Designbotschaft.com 11. Glamour starburst mirror, Dhs3,150, Ethan Allen 12. Hayate stool, Dhs499, THE One 13. Sned wooden table lamp, Dhs1,190, BoConcept 14. Marilyn wall art by Tamer Khalifa, Dhs4,000, Iris Noir.

Hues of blue and white are on trend for autumn. This velvet Regency style walnut settee from the Jonathan Charles- Country Farmhouse Collection will bring a touch of richness to the scheme. Its velvet upholstery with finely carved lotus leave details evoke the style from a piece taken from the early 19th century.





This contemporary wrought iron console table from the Jonathan Charles- Luxe Collection can introduce elegant luxury in a simple manner thanks to the distressed gilded finish, hand painted gold borders and the églomisé mirror top.

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Update the kid's bedroom with help from our best buys, top tips and advice.



Mammut chair, Dhs49, Ikea

FURNITURE

Go for timeless colours and styles that won't go out of fashion.



Busunge chest of drawers, Dhs295, Ikea



White bedside table, Dhs945, Interiors



Stokke collection, from Dhs3,400, Just Kidding

Story bedlinen, from Dhs35, Zara Home



TOP THREE TIPS FROM SAMAR NABULSI FROM BIG ON CHILDREN

1 I like to have high shelves in my daughters' room. Of course they are high so the kids cannot reach them, for safety reasons. On the shelf, I like to add some bookends that have characters or scented characters that you can add a mellow scent to like Lavender oil that will help them sleep at night. I particularly like the ones that are currently available at Big On Children as they resemble the meaning of my daughters' names; angel and princess. There also some very cute characters which spell "LOVE" that dangle their feet from the shelf once you place them. These

are great decorative objects that will add a 3D effect in the room.

2 Choose the colours that you and your children love. In general, and especially for children's rooms, pastel colours are usually the way to go. I personally prefer wallpapers as I get to choose which walls get pasted with paper and which walls remain paperless (unlike paint where it may look odd if you don't paint a wall). On those walls, I like to use my children's photos and paintings as part of the room decoration. The colours and the patterns of the wallpapers should be soothing and easy to look at and should complement

the bedcovers.

3 Bed covers or quilts should match the theme in the room in my opinion. If the theme is butterflies for girls then the bedcover should resemble something from the garden, the sky or perhaps a rainbow. If it is robots for boys, then I would complement the theme with space shuttles, stars or planets from the solar system. I find it quite important for my child's personality that the themes match. It builds awareness, good taste and a sense of belonging, where the children feel they are part of the world they created for themselves.

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The easiest way to decorate your child's room is to inject colour with paint. Painting even one wall in a room can dramatically alter the appearance of a space. If that isn't an option, colour can be reflected in curtains, bedding, floor coverings, pictures on the wall and in other accessories within the room. Your child's toys can also be used. Children's toys are typically brightly coloured and visually interesting; so don't hesitate to use them as a source of colour as well.

We recommend adding pillows and poufs from Woouf. They have a wide selection of colourful and child-friendly pieces, and they are also available at Cities. We also love the Gummy Bear nightlight from FCTRY. It comes in several different colours and is extremely practical as well!

Despicable Me easel, **Dhs99, Little Things**



Florence Flamingo **Dhs345, Indigo Living**

TOYS

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Knitted bear, **Dhs99, Zara Home**



Gummy Bear light, **Dhs248, Cities**

Blue floor light, **Dhs159, Home Centre**

Roald Dahl collection, **from a selection, Illumin8 Blinds**



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Rouge540 perfume, **Dhs14,693**, Baccarat



Printed dress, **Dhs1,100**, Sandro

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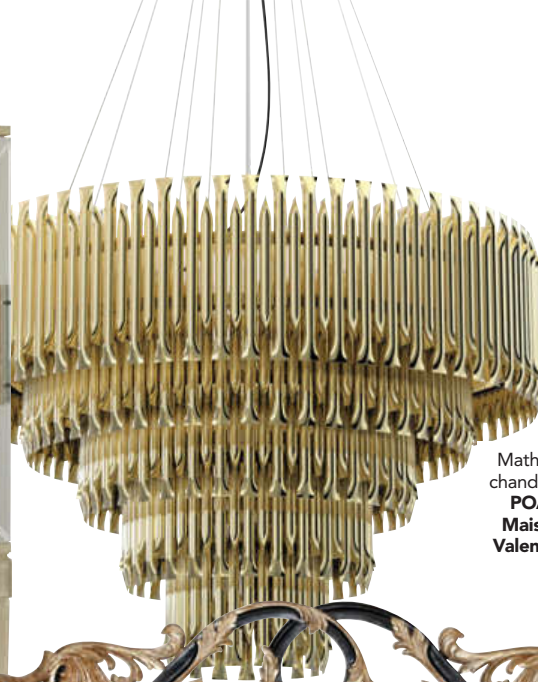


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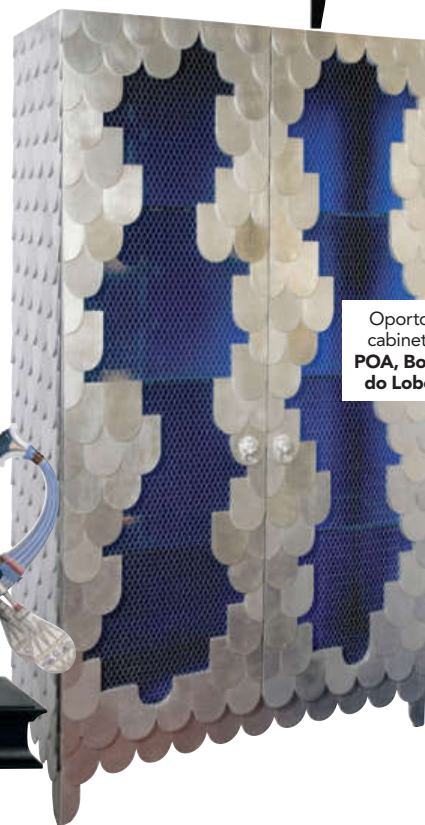
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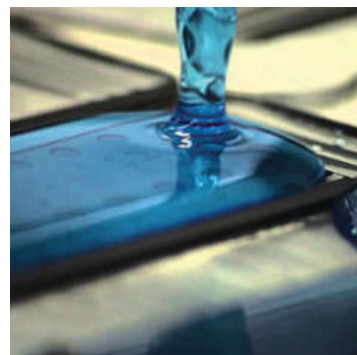
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Six Senses Ziggy Bay

Make a date with relaxation at this stylish, sustainable resort.



Six Senses Ziggy Bay on Oman's beautiful coastline has something of a celebrity status thanks to its luxurious yet sustainable style, private villas with pools and stunning natural surroundings. No trip to this region is complete without a visit and, living in Dubai, any mention of a trip to Oman is met with the question: 'are you going to Ziggy Bay?'

Consisting of indigenous-style villas in a village-like setting, the resort, situated in the northern Musandam Peninsula, overlooks the beautiful marina and dramatic mountains in the distance, making Ziggy Bay a total escape from everyday stresses.

Decorated in a simple style that reflects the resort's eco-friendly and sustainable ethos, each stone-clad building – including the reception, restaurants, villas and spa – are a mix of earthy neutrals, bamboo and wooden accents and lantern lights, with splashes of warm orange, purple or blue in the cushions and soft furnishings. Our well-appointed king-bed Pool Villa was a tranquil retreat that included a comfortable living room with sliding doors leading onto the cobblestone-walled private swimming pool, dining area and summerhouse made of bamboo. The simple bedroom area wasn't short of luxuries – the cloud-like bed, crisp white sheets, pillow menu (that includes pillow fragrances), en suite with enormous orange stone bath, double sinks, and large shower complete with beautiful toiletries found within stone containers to name but a few. Outside there is a bamboo-covered private shower, which is a perfect way to refresh after relaxing by the pool. Added extras in the villa include a welcome plate of local dates (that grow within the resort, with some from a date palm by our pool, no less), baklava pastries, a well-stocked tea and coffee station, full mini bar and wine fridge, robes, slippers, insect repellent and, outside, bicycles for exploring the resort. Anything that is missing can be requested from the helpful concierge, known as Gems



Clockwise from left: Private reserve pool terrace; rock jumping activity; mountain picnic; king-bed in the serene, rustic bedroom; the resort and the beautiful, surrounding countryside; Pool Villa exterior.



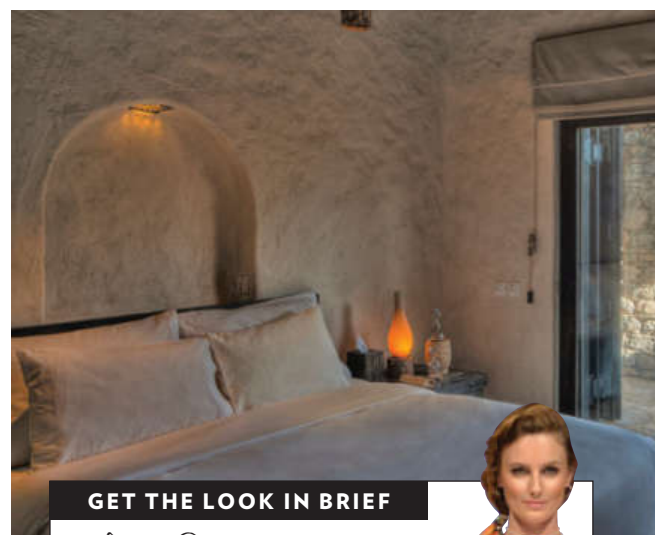
(Guest Experience Makers).

Although it is all too easy not to leave the villa, Six Senses Zighy Bay offers guests a plethora of experiences and excursions to see the surrounding area. For thrill-seekers there is an opportunity to paraglide into the resort, from the Zighy mountain clifftop nearby (next to the beautiful Sense on the Edge signature restaurant). There is also micro-gliding, abseiling, rock-climbing, mountain-biking, tennis, volleyball and hiking. But for those looking for something a little less strenuous, dhow cruises, sunset cruises and snorkelling enable guests to see the coastline and mountains without breaking a sweat. We recommend an hour-long water-kayaking experience, which is a fun way to exercise and explore the beaches at the resort.

All this exploring (or relaxing) will work up an appetite, which can be satisfied in one of the two restaurants: the Summer House or the Spice Market. Serving up traditional Arabic dishes including mezze platters, kebabs and tagines, the Spice Market is also where guests can enjoy a leisurely breakfast of European and Arabic fayre. The Summer House is a bright and relaxed dining destination that serves fresh, seasonal salads, soups (our favourite was the avocado and orange gazpacho) and mains of seasonal, freshly caught fish, burgers and pastas – perfect for a lazy lunch.

Thanks to its beautiful location, private pool and understated luxurious villas, plus the sustainable and social philosophy (such as an environmental program and offering support to the local Dibba Girls' School, Sharjah Charity International and Sukarina bin Al Husain School), Six Senses Zighy Bay deserves its hype. It will not disappoint.

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SU GOLOGONE

Experience the ultimate getaway at this beautiful, tranquil retreat.

Finding a hotel that fully embraces its heritage and history can be something of a challenge these days thanks to an abundance of sleek, neutral 5* big names and quirky, city boltholes. But Su Gologone, which is located in the Oliena region of beautiful Sardinia in Italy, does just that. Focusing on tradition, art, culture and heritage, the hotel offers guests an emersion in all things Sardinian. Opened in the late 70s, Su Golongone is owned and run by Giovanna Palimodde and her family. A well respected artist, Giovanna has introduced art and crafts into all facets of the hotel, from the paintings in the reception to sculptures throughout the resort. Guests can partake in workshops such as embroidery, painting and origami with the on-site artisans, in the former stables. These artisans also exhibit and sell their wares in the small shop within the resort.

Each room, from a classic room to the newly opened Art Suite, is decorated in a traditional style with brightly coloured, embroidered soft furnishings, wooden or iron beds (some four poster) and original features such as wooden beams and fireplaces, all which stand out against the white plastered walls. Our beautiful junior suite paid homage to Francesco Ciusa, (considered the island's

finest sculptor) with books displaying his work and an overview on him, written on a wall in the living room. The suite is a comfortable retreat that features lovely blue and orange hues in the cushions, curtains and throws, rustic wooden furniture, an iron four-poster bed, modern en-suite with bespoke toiletries and a small living area, well equipped with books and tea and coffee-making facilities. The stand-out feature is the spacious terrace with views over the mountains, and secluded bath, dining table, lounge seating and charming games carved in to a tree trunk.

Su Gologone, in its very nature, lends itself to relaxation and the enjoyment of the stunning location. Wherever guests choose to explore in the resort, from the poolside café to the Bar del Tablao with its views out to the mountains, Wishes or Dreams rooftop terraces or the various gardens, including a scented herb or cactus filled Tex Willer garden that leads to the Bread Nest (a delightful dining area where local bread is made on-site), there is an abundance

of seating areas, hammocks and loungers just waiting to be enjoyed with a good book or afternoon nap. In addition to all this, the resort offers a selection of activities for those looking to experience something more than total relaxation during their stay. The

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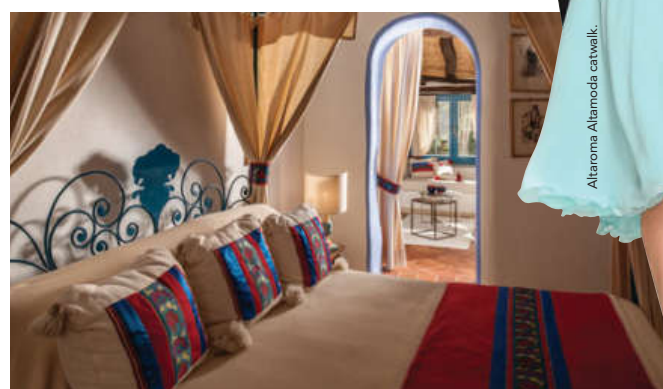
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Blue and white ceramic candle, Dhs79, Zara Home

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The Colours



extremely helpful staff are on-hand to discuss and help plan any excursions around Sardinia, some of which include walks or treks to the mountains with a local guide, either in the morning or at sunset. This is the best way to see the island in all its beauty. But for those who are more than happy to remain in the resort there is plenty to do. Star gazing takes place from May to September (usually on a Friday or Saturday) on the violet furnished Terrace of Dreams, so called thanks to its view of the Mount Corraisi. After dinner on a weekend the Bar del Tablao plays host to a polyphonic Sardinian folk singer, accompanied by a tasting of 15 different local grappas. We highly recommend a private yoga session with Luca Mori, which can take place (by request) on the Wishes Terrace (named after the large glass bottles full of wishes written by guests). This two-hour session caters for beginners through to the experienced and is a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing way to start an evening and appreciate the tranquil and beautiful surroundings.

As with all good hotels, Su Gologone has a spa and gym area, located by the pool. Offering a range of treatments, including massages, that all use oils extracted from local herbs. The spa consists of two treatment rooms, the sun booth and moon booth, named after the colours and atmosphere created in each room. Treatments can also be enjoyed al fresco, under the gazebo. Our hour-long relaxation massage was the perfect start to a day of doing nothing at all. After which dinner can be enjoyed in the bright terrace restaurant, which has ever-changing coloured tablecloths and napkins. Serving up fresh, local fayre, cooked in a traditional way (usually meat is cooked on an open spit-fire). The staff here are happy to recommend a tapas style array of Sardinian starters, followed by a pasta then meat dish (followed by delicious desserts) all washed down with local drinks or grape options.

Su Gologone is truly unique and deserves its name of 'an experience hotel'. With such beautiful surroundings both inside and out, there is no better way to spend a summer holiday or short break, making this a must-return to destination.

Clockwise from left: An outdoor bathing area; the pool; a suite with traditional touches; the living area of the Francesco Ciusa suite.





INSIDE LOOK

Indego by Vineet DUBAI.

There are many Dubai social institutions; Friday brunch and ladies nights to name just two, but neither of these can match the staying power of Indego by Vineet, found in Grosvenor House, Dubai Marina. Opened in 2005, Indego is headed up by famed (and Michelin-starred) Indian chef Vineet Bhatia, so expectations when dining here are high thanks to these credentials and the ongoing superb reputation of the restaurant.

The interior is mix of traditional in the artwork, spice pots and seating, mixed with modern touches and splashes of jewel colours (much like the menu). Lit by candles and soft lantern light, the restaurant lends itself well to a romantic meal for two. During cooler weather guests can enjoy the outdoor terrace, which is decked out with rattan seating, brightly coloured cushions and side tables.

We start our night with an aperitif, as recommended by the helpful staff, followed by crisp and delicious poppadums accompanied by home-made chutneys that included beetroot, sweet mango and tamarind. The extensive menu focuses on a combination of the textures and flavours of traditional dishes with a modern flair – and all are presented in style. After careful consideration we chose starters of mixed kebabs of tender and succulent lamb, chicken and hamour and three chaats – Dahi bhallas, achari samosa potato-pomegranate long papdi – which were a moreish mix of textures and bursting with flavour. For mains, the signature Costal Jhinga of chargrilled coconut curry leaf jumbo prawns poached in a Kaffir lime-coconut sauce, herb cornmeal slice and grilled vegetables was wonderfully rich, while the Punjabi chicken had just the right mix of spice, especially with the smoked aubergine-peas mash. This was served with the perfect amount of delicate steamed rice and sweet Peshwari naan. Unfortunately there was no room for dessert, but we did indulge in a to-die-for Indian-inspired, banana-infused hot toddy, which was made and served at the table with true flair.

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Ask A Designer

Ethan K

The luxury handbag designer talks to us about his latest designs, current collections, inspirations and what the future holds.

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS? WHEN DID YOU ESTABLISH IT AND HOW HAS IT GROWN SINCE?

When I first started making bags, having a business doing that was just a dream. I actually created my first bag for my mother, which, still to this day is one of my happiest memories - seeing her wear one of my creations. Soon enough my mother's friends wanted me to design a bag for them and it was at this point that I decided to understand my skill better by moving to London and studying. I set up Ethan K when I was still a student and I am lucky enough to have such a huge amount of support from loyal friends and clients. Last year marked the launch the first Ethan K boutique in Harrods, London.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST PIECE/ COLLECTION?

The Doha bag is my latest creation. It was inspired by an encounter I had with a beautiful lady when I was in Paris, walking out of the Ritz Hotel. After striking up conversation I noticed her beautiful necklace, which was comprised of Bedouin beads, which inspired me to create the special and unique handle of the Doha bag. It is entitled the 'Doha' as the glamorous lady emerged as a member of the royal family.

HOW WERE YOU INSPIRED TO PURSUE YOUR DESIGN WORK?

Reading the books of couture houses and getting lost in the grand days of couture, where everything was designed in private salons and each collection was completed with a sense of pride, touched my heart. Back then luxury and couture was always about the magical journey, which I feel is a little bit lost in today's world and that is one of the main reasons that Ethan K was born. I have been inspired by many things from my life from the fairy tales that I would be read as a child, the exotic fruits and spices in my native Singapore to the people who I have met along my travels and even architecture from a plethora of cities.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT CREATING YOUR PRODUCTS?

Well, once something inspires me, whether that be a personality or a piece of jewellery I then begin to sketch. I sketch every single bag design myself, then I take the sketches to my ateliers in Italy and that begins the creation process. I will collect fruits and spices from Asia and beautiful exotic flowers from around the world and I will take these to the tannery in



Singapore to match up the colours of these items to the exotic skins to create the bag that I envisioned or my client's dream bag,

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE AND WHY?

My favourite piece is the Doha bag (far right). It is such a new creation and design and I love how romantic the story of inspiration behind the bag is. I think that the journey perfectly embodies Ethan K.

WHAT PLACE MOST INSPIRES YOU?

I read a lot of books and travel a lot. I remember moving to London to undertake my studies and can still recall the feeling of walking around Mayfair where I was living at the time. I was inspired by the details of the streets and my first collection featured clasps in the shape of the octagonal doorknobs I would walk past, whilst the shapes of my clutches were influenced by the Art Deco inspirations at the hotels in Mayfair. For me, creativity can be found in a lot of places. I love to spend time in Dubai. My clients in the Middle East are often after my most unique designs and select the most vibrant colours. I love the way the fruit and spice colours of Ethan K bags look so beautiful when worn on top of a black Abaya. I often get sent outfit photos on Instagram from my Middle-Eastern clients in Dubai and it's always so wonderful to see how they style Ethan K bags in the most fabulous ways. They always look so glamorous and mysterious.

BEST DECORATING TIP?

When I was designing the interior of my private salon in Knightsbridge I found it really difficult to find designs and items that were exactly what I wanted and





Ethan's creations, including his handbags, luggage and the newly launched furniture range, are available in various locations worldwide and to view online at www.ethan-k.com



that fitted my vision, so my best tip would be to go bespoke. You need to surround yourself with items that embody originality and exclusiveness and that mirror your personality.

WHAT TREND ARE YOU ENJOYING NOW?

I love tri-colours. My new collection 'The Midnight Magician' is full of beautiful and sumptuous tri-colour bags and the collection is available in Harrods, London.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE YOU CAN SHARE WITH US ON WHAT SHADES TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN PICKING AN ON-TREND THEME?

Bright, bold and exotic colours and prints should be a staple in every wardrobe this season.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF ART?

The mural in my private salon. It is a special collaboration between myself and an English artist that really projects the romantic beginnings of Ethan K, with the beautiful garden and the tannery I grew up in. It also depicts the landscape between London and Singapore, which is inspired by my life. It is full of heritage and portrays the beautiful journey that has developed since.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR COMPANY?

I have just launched an exciting new collection called the Midnight Magician. It encompasses bright bold colours, inspired by my adventures around London and each unique and hand-crafted clasp is inspired by unique creatures I have encountered around the world. I have also created a selection of beautiful new designs that I can't wait to share with the world. |||||

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Ask an Expert

THIS MONTH: KID'S ROOM IDEAS
LUCY HOLMES, MARKETING MANAGER AND MUM, FROM JUSTKIDDING®



I'D LIKE TO CREATE A ROOM FOR MY SON THAT WILL LAST INTO HIS TEENS, WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?

If you are looking for a room to last a long time then keep the base colours in the carpets and walls neutral. That way you can add design elements such as bedding and soft furnishings that can change as he grows. We like wall stickers for the little ones, such as JustEssentials Vroom Vroom Chalkboard Wall Stickers (Dhs199) from JustKidding®. When he is older you can swap them for his favourite posters.

Furniture that is good quality will last a long time if it's looked after well. Invest in a decent bed that is already the right size for a teenager, so he can grow into it, good quality wardrobes and drawers will also last for many years.

CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO MAKE MY TODDLER'S ROOM AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE?

When you start to think about transitioning your toddler to a big-boy or big-girl bed, toddler proofing comes to mind because one of the scarier things is the trouble they can get into when they are in their room alone and not sleeping.

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WHAT ARE YOUR TOP FIVE FURNITURE PICKS FOR A BABY'S ROOM?

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Not only is the concept ideal for your newborn as well as your growing child

but it is also flexible enough to be customised no matter the size of your nursery.

ARE THERE ANY COLOUR OR DECORATING TRENDS EMERGING FOR THE SEASON?

Kitsch colours are making a comeback for 2016 with rainbow bright palettes, which feature strawberry pinks, peacock blues, mint greens and sunflower yellow. Wall designs and wall arts are becoming more and more popular. Bespoke paintings on children's walls are the ultimate in personalised decor with many parents expressing their creativity this way for their children.

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I'D LIKE TO CREATE A PLAYROOM FOR MY DAUGHTER, WHAT FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

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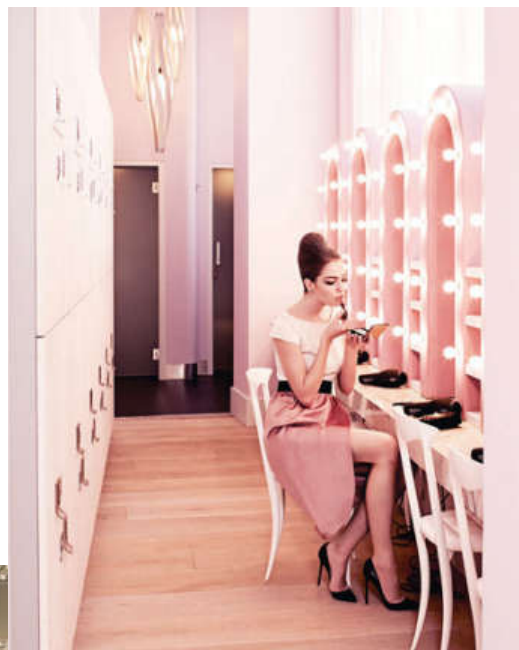
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